

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Case No. 05-cr-81165

Plaintiff,

v.

KHAOPHONE SYCHANTHA,

Hon. Sean F. Cox

United States District Court Judge

Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING IN PART GOVERNMENT’S MOTION TO DENY HYBRID
REPRESENTATION AND STRIKE DEFENDANT’S PRO SE PLEADING (ECF No. 94)**

On February 15, 2024, David Steingold, counsel for Defendant Khaophone Sychantha, filed a motion to dismiss that Steingold states was drafted by Defendant. (ECF No. 93). However, Steingold states in that motion that he “cannot endorse any of the arguments made by defendant.” (*Id.* at 237). The Government subsequently moved to strike this motion from the record. (ECF No. 94).

Ruling on Defendant’s motion to dismiss would be tantamount to permitting him to conduct a hybrid representation. However, the Court has not granted Defendant leave to conduct such a representation, and Defendant is not entitled to conduct a hybrid representation as a matter of right. *See United States v. Conder*, 423 F.2d 904, 908 (6th Cir. 1970). Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that “Government’s Motion to Deny Hybrid Representation and Strike Defendant’s Pro Se Pleading” (ECF No. 94) is **GRANTED IN PART**. The Government’s motion is **GRANTED** to the extent that it seeks an order striking “Defendant Sychantha’s Motion to Dismiss” (ECF No. 93) from the record and is **DENIED** in all other respects.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that “Defendant Sychantha’s Motion to Dismiss” (ECF No. 93) is **STRUCK** from the record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 10, 2024

s/Sean F. Cox

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U. S. District Judge

I hereby certify that on July 10, 2024, the document above was served on counsel and/or the parties of record via electronic means and/or First Class Mail.

s/J. McCoy

Case Manager